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RAISE BIG SUM FOR HOSPITAL

Ladies' Auxiliary Reports $1,445 Received During Nine Months Period

FACTORY COLLECTIONS LARGE

Especially successful was the Charleroi Monessen Hospital Auxiliary here during the first nine months of its existence. Efforts on behalf of the hospital in that time netted the surprisingly large sum of $1,445.01, the amount being raised through various endeavors. Reports of the work were made at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the rooms of the Charleroi Savings and Trust company.

The entire community helped in the work The latest plan carried out was that of collections at local industries, the report of which is given as follows:

Plate Glass Plant	$22.75
Charleroi Decorating Co	2.00
Macbeth-Evans' Glass Co	234.85
Hussey-Binns Shovel Co	$56.10
Charleroi Lumber Co	52.00
Charleroi Brewery	43.75
Imperial Glass Co	50.00
Walton Lumber Co.	1.75
Total	$463.20
Paid over to hospital	887.23
Balance from former fund	94.58
Grand total	$1.445.01

Workmen at the different industries were asked to contribute to the fund, and their response was eager, as shown by the report. Of the money raised during the year the contributions thus secured constituted the largest item and the Auxiliary is correspondingly grateful. Letters of gratitude have been addresses to the different industries which helped.

Means used during the year in raising the fund included the observance of a flag day, a cake sale, a lawn fete, a home talent play and the factory collection. The officers of the Auxiliary are: President, Mrs. A. O. Davis; vice president, Mrs. C. R. Peregrine; secretary, Mrs. J. Bertram and treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Heupel.

The Auxiliary proposes to keep up the linens at the hospital. All the sewing is being done by members of the Auxiliary in this way expense being kept down.

COYLE THEATRE

TOMORROW

A Stupendous Novelty. Different from any picture you have seen

"THE NATURE MAN"

or "The Struggle for Existance."

See it. Tell your friends. Bring the whole family to see the greatest nature picture ever made. A moving picture record of a man's victory over wild nature, without tools, weapons or provisions. 178t1

Notice.

Those having chairs from my undertaking establishment are kindly requested to return them at once.

178t1 J. A. Willson.

Recover that lost article by using the Classified Column of The Mail. 176-tf

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS MUST INSURE EMPLOYES

Man Who Draws Munificent Salary of 15 Cents Per Week Comes Under State Compensation Law.

Even fraternal organizations will have to take out compensation insurance if their officers receive pay for their services, according to the rulings of the attorney general's office. This information is being received by lodge officials in this and other sections of the state who have sought enlightment on the subject.

Inquiry has developed the fact that many fraternal orders are hesitating about taking out insurance, hoping that word may come that they are immune. This is unlikely in view of the attorney general's decision.

In one instance a lodge official receives the nominal sum of 15 cents a night which amount is credited to his dues, but he is considered insurable, according to the decision.

NO DAMAGE DONE BY HIGH WATER

River Goes to 31.6 Inches And Floods Lowlands But Does Not Destroy Property

NAVIGATION IS SUSPENDED

After attaining a stage of 31.6 feet at 12 o'clock midnight as recorded on the lower gauge at Lock No. 4 the river this morning began to fall and at noon the high water was receding rapidly. Boats are tied up all along t he river awaiting a navigable stage. River shipments of coal were necessarily suspended about 3 o'clock - Wednesday afternoon. So far as is known no damage was done, though the lowlands were flooded.

The early part of this week the U. S. steamer Slackwater made a flying trip to the new lock No. 6 to deliver a consignment of material for the new construction work at that point. Returning the Slackwater brought a consignment of engines, boilers, derricks and so forth to be used in the future at Lock No. 4.

STREET RAILWAYS CO. NAMES ITS OFFICERS

W. I. Berryman President of Westside Company With C. F. Thompson Vice President—Board Includes Home Men Chiefly.

Directors of the Westside Electric Street Railway company have been elected for the ensuing year and have organized. The board consists of W. I. Beryman, Esq., Charles F. Thompson, K. W. Daly, John K. Tener, George E. Tener, John C. McKean and William McKean.

The officers elected are as follows: President, W. I. Berryman; vice president and general manager, Charles F. Thompson; treasurer, Kerfoot W. Daly; secretary Roland W. Brown.

DROWNS IN RIVER WHEN HE FALLS FROM A COAL BARGE

Alfred Hall, aged 24 years and a well known riverman of Monongahela was drowned in the Monongahela river this morning at 10 o'clock when he slipped on ice on the gunwhale of a barge and fell into the water. His body was not found being swept away it is believed by the rush of the high water.

Hall was employed at Dock No. 11 of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company opposite Monongahela. In a moment after he was plunged into the water he was swept away, and friends could not go to his aid.

The youthful victim belonged to a family of rivermen. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hall two brothers and one sister survived The family is well known in Monongahela.

OLD DIRECTORS ARE RE-ELECTED

Bank of Charleroi Stockholders Meeting Held at Banking Quarters

17 PER CENT DIVIDEND PAID

Reports of an increased business during the year closed were made at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Bank of Charleroi held Wednesday afternoon at the institution here, and the old board of directors was re-elected for the year. The boards' organization resulted in the selection of the old officers and employes.

The directors named were: Thomas L. Daly. John C. McKean, Thomas F. Grant, Andrew W. Mellon, Cary Piper, James J. Hoff, William I. Berryman, Esq., Charles F. Thompson, T. R. Duvall, W. W. Jimeson and T. A. Mellon. Officers and employes renamed by the board consisted of the following: President. T. L. Daly; vice president, J. C. McKean; cashier, Kerfoot W. Daly; assistant cashier, C. S. McKean; teller, T. R. Eagye; bookkeeper, E. B. Todd; assistant bookkeeper, Mrs. Emma A. Blum; stenographer, Gladys Y. Dale.

The condition of the bank at the close of business December 31, showed a capital of $75,000; surplus of $300,000; surplus and undivided profits of $12,273.57; total deposits of $1,468,676.23; total resources of $1,856,839.80; loans and investments of $1,601,267.53; dividends paid in 1915 of $12,750 and dividends paid since organization of $109,500.

During 1915 17 per cent dividends were paid. The year was characterized by improvements to the banking quarters, the rooms being refurnished and equipped, a new vault door installed, together with money safes and safe deposit boxes. The vault and door were equipped with the Duplex Electric company's system against robbery and a daylight system was installed, as well as a new vault in the basement for storage. The bank now claims to be one of the most completely equipped in the county.

Deeds Recorded.

January 10.1915—Leslie Woodward. Speers to S. L. Woodward, Charleroi, a lot fronting 25 feet on Highland avenue, North Charleroi and extending back 110 feet; consideration $1.

January 10,1915—Leslie Woodward, Speers to S. L. Woodward, Charleroi, a lot 40 by 80 feet in the Point Breeze plan, Fallowfield township; consideration $1.

MINES DOWN THE RIVER ARE BUSY

Cincinnati is the Latest to Resume Operations, First Coal Being Run

RUMOR OF CATSBURG START

Excepting the Catsburg and Black Diamond operations, mines in the Monongahela vicinity are all running steadily. The Cincinnati mine of the Pittsburg Coal company resumed operations Tuesday of this week when the first coal was run after months of suspension. This mine employes 300 men and has a daily production of about 1,200 tons. 't ships by river.

It was rumored this morning that the Catsburg mine was to be started within the next few days, the rumor arising from the sight of men working on the tipple. However the statement is made that no orders have been issued for its resumption. Were a sufficient number of men available probably the Catsburg and Black Diamond mines both be started.

The Mongah, Sunnyside, Manown and Gallatin mines, employing from 300 to 400 men each are running to as near capacity as possible. All are mines of the Pittsburg Coal company.

NEW MANAGER NAMED AT LOCAL ICE PLANT

Roy S. Sharpnack Gets Responsible Place Succeeding John O. Watson, Who is Now County Commissioner —Board of Directors Elected.

One new name was added to the board of directors of the Valley Crystal Ice and Storage company and a change made in the management of the plant at the annual meeting of stockholders held Wednesday. The change in management was made necessary because of the inability of John O. Watson to continue in that place since assuming his duties as county commissioner. Roy S. Sharpnack, former assistant manager of Eldora park, was named for the place.

The board of directors elected and the officers chosen were as follows: S. A. Walton. president; John O. Watson, vice president; T. P. Sloan, secretary-treasurer; John H. Frye and J. M. Walton. The name of J. M. Walton was added as a member of the board.

ARRESTS MAY BE MADE OF PROMOTERS OF COCK FIGHT

Fayette Countians Stage Battle Near Summitt, Abrupt Change of Plans Being Necessary.

Arrests are to be made of a number of Fayette countains who are believed to have arranged and conducted a cock fight near the Summitt a few miles up in the mountains from Uniontown Tuesday evening. The fight was staged ,despite the activity of the state police who somehow managed to learn of the intentions.

The scene of the battle was to have been on a road between Brownsville and Uniontown. Ten men of the state police were detailed to this spot, but the party was not held there. The promoters decided upon a quick change and transferred their activities to the Summitt region. Automobiles were hired to drive near the spot. A pit was made it is said, and a hot battle fought by two of the gamest of the game cocks of which Fayette county boasts.

CHARLEROI MAN REPORTED SAFE

Samuel Rodgers, Mining Man, Far to South of the Scene of Late Trouble

WORD IS RECEIVED FROM HIM

Though northern Mexico has been the scene of sensational massacres of Americans of late by either Mexicans or Indians, Samuel E. Rodgers of Charleroi is safe in Guanajuato, so far as is known. The last word received from him, which came within the last week, was to the effect that business was bettering and rapidly becoming normal. Guanajuato is located to the north of Mexico City. and many miles south of the point of the late trouble.

Mr. Rodgers has been engaged in extensive mining operations with various ones along the western mountain slopes of Mexico. He has had various experiences since Mexican troubles became pronounced, but at no time has his life been in danger.

He is of the opinion that grievous mistakes have been made by various ones in the Mexican affair, and these have only served to make matters much worse than they otherwise would have been. Americans in Mexico are hopeful that matters will ultimately be satisfactorily adjusted.

PICTURES AT THE MAJESTIC ACCORDED A GREAT SUCCESS

Not in a long time have the people of Charleroi been treated to the class of pictures as were on exhibition at the Majestic theatre last evening. Well may they call Audrey Munson, who starred in the production rightly named "Inspiration," the greatest model the world has ever known. The picture from the start to the finish was perfect, not to mention the manner in which the other characters took their parts and the wonderful settings. In speaking of high art too much cannot be said of "Inspiration." The attraction at the Majestic will be "Evidence" tonight.

IMMENSE COAL COMBINE FORMED

Pittsburg Coal and Monongahela River Companies Formally Merge

CAPITAL IS $60,000,000

Plans for merging the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company with the Pittsburg Coal company were advanced yesterday by the filing of papers in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg, Pa. The merging process is only part of the complete plan, which has not been officially announced in its entirety.

The Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company under its charter had a capital of $30,000,000. The Pittsburg Coal company has a capital of $50,000,000, most of its stock being owned by the Pittsburg Coal Company of New Jersey. The merger calls for a new capital of $80,000,000, divided into 400,000 shares of preferred and 400,000 shares of common stock.

Officers and directors of the new concern elected for the first year as shown in the papers filed include: Chairman of the board, M. H. Taylor of Erie, Pa.; president, William K. Field, Columbus, O.; vice presidents, F. M. Wallace, Erie, Pa.; James P. Walsh, Cleveland, O., and J. A. Donaldson, Emsworth. The board of directors includes James H. Beal, John I. Bishop, Harry Bronner, J. C. Dysart, W. K. Field, J. B. Finley, William Flinn, D. L. Gillespie, J. D. Byron, A. W. Mellon, A. J. Miller, George T. Oliver, Henry R. Rea, M. H. Taylor and F. J. LeMoyne.

The bringing together of these concerns under a Pennsylvania charter will eventually be followed by the retiring of the old Pittsburg Coal Company of New Jersey by taking up the stock of that corporation with the Pennsylvania corporation stock. It was announced Wednesday a statement would be made public so soon as the matters had developed further.

The two companies are by far the largest holders of coal lands in Washington county and are also among the largest operators. The Monongahela River company owns several big mines in the third and fourth pools. The Pittsburg Coal company has immense holdings along the river which are extensively operated.

In addition to their mines each company has operated large fleets of river barges and tow boats which have been used to carry their output to southern markets. It is certain that the merger will result in increased efficiency and will tend to better marketing of a product in which Washington county excels.

The two concerns have practically been combined in their operations for some years.

For the first three days of next week you will see the best known stars in the film world at the Coyle Theatre. Monday, Theda Bara in "Destruction"; Tuesday, Marguerite Clark. in "The Prince and the Pauper"; Wednesday, Marguerite Snow in "Rosemary." 178t

All Boy Scouts should see the "Nature Man" at the Coyle Theatre tomorrow. 178t

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Bush, Cashier

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IMMIGRANT VALUES.

A Philadelphia machinery manufacturer has figured out that the United States has lost about $350,000,000 by decrease in immigration during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915. His figures were presented before a meeting held in Boston to study methods of liminating economic causes of war The total excess of the incoming over the outgoing for the fiscal year was but 122,600, which is but 17 per cent of the smallest figures of any of the preceeding nine years. The decrease is blamed almost entirely on the war.

Unnatural as it may appear, and in no small degree shocking, says an exchange to place a value upon human being as a machine for producing wealth, so long as the welfare of the world is dependent upon the industry of its people so long will this value be real. The manufacturer, taking the purely material view, says that for feeding, clothing and the other necessaries of life, even in a country where existence is cheapest, we can hardly calculate such cost as less than $700 per unit. The country losing the immigrant, the manufacturer says, loses this sum of money, and the country receiving the newcomer gains that value without payment.

Figured on this basis the largest immigrant crop that this country has had in any one year would be worth probably $385,000,000. The immigrant crop of last year was worth, on this basis, only about $36,000,000.

It is to be expected that the manufacturer, every employer, will figure all costs and values in terms of his own business and their relation thereto, but in a broader sense it is quite impossible to place an accurate money value on the mass of immigrants coming to this country in any one year. They are not all alike in talents, inclination, character, nor adaptability to our ways of living. Vastly more than their ability to do physical labor must be taken into account when we try to place a correct value on human beings. There was a time in this country when men and women were bought and sold on the basis of their ability to work, their capacity for producing wealth for others. But that system was wiped out once and for all because it was wrong. Civilization has advanced to the point where it looks for more in the individual and the multitude than mere material worth. That has its proper place, but it is not all.

Every immigrant is worth something to the country in material and other ways, but there is a serious question whether certain elements of immigration do not impose a material cost that runs away with the profits.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

When Canada recently undertook to float a purely domestic loan of $50,000,000 the amount was over-subscribed more than twice, and this result was attained by advertising. Five-thousand-line contracts were made with all the daily newspapers of Canada. In the Newark Star the advertising began on November 22 and the full space was used by November 30, when the subscription list closed. The Canadian Minister of Finance has stated that to underwrite the loan in the ordinary way would have cost the government $625.000.

This was not the first experiment in advertising conducted by the Canadian government within the last year and a quarter. In the fall of 1914 a 5,000-line campaign in seventy dailies and a few national weeklies resulted in a remarkable increase of the domestic demand for Canadian apples, and thus prevented to a very great extent the heavy loss with which the growers of Canada had been threatened through the sudden shutting off of the foreign demand. It pays governments, as well as individuals and firms, to advertise in the newspapers.

The personnel of the new board of [illegible] of the Charleroi Memorial hospital is such as to commend itself to the thinking people of the community. The plan of having [illegible] as member of the board is a good one, and should work especially well. That there is work for womankind in the management of hospital affairs is plain. In local efforts it is a fact that women have had really a more important part to play than men. Help in the active management of the hospital, as well as in the creation of a live interest in hospital activities. What success has been attained may be realized when it is stated that never were the prospects brighter that just now for the success for the local institution.

The state compensation board has rightly ruled that there must be no discrimination against employes of any plant or company under the provisions of the new compensation act, with its insurance clause. This is a proper and a just ruling. Of course no employer is to be blamed for not wanting a man working for him who is physically unfit for performing the duties required of him, but it throws any company open to suspicion if they discharge any crippled person upon the beginning of enforcement of the law. Equitable treatment must be given all, and the state's duty in the administration of affairs is to see only that the provisions of the new statute are carried out to the letter, but likewise that the common rules of human conduct are very generally observed.

It comes as somewhat of a surprise that there are 50 school pupils from one school out on account of the grip. This furnishes us the first tangible evidence we have had of how serious the epidemic is here. The need of prevention is all the more pronounced. The grippy weather has returned again, and with it grip and pneumania.

Electric Sparks

Irony is announcing a great lecture of the Panama Canal with slides.

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Evidently the weather has the grip too.

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It can't be definitely established whether the Ford peace party is touring for peace or simply sightseeing.

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Most any politician is willing to bet he is as good as any in the business even if he isn't qualified to participate in the amateur show.

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The Progressives have arranged to meet in the same city as the same time as the Republicans and are hopeful that both can agree on the same candidates for President. The chances are they will, the Progressives agreeing on theirs after they ascertain to a certainty just whom the Republicans will support.

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Satisfied.

I'm glad I ain't runnin'
To be the president.
Bekuz I stole a horse once.
And no one cares a cent.

My past they're not muckraking.
The public can go hang;
I smoked a cigarette once.
And no one cares a dang.

I used to play the banjo,
And no one seems to care;
They're not dug up this scandal
And chased it to its lair.

So long as I ain't running
No probers are about.
And there are things about me
They never will find out.

Let others seek the office.
I'll stay up on the shelf;
The details of my dizzy past
I'll keep right to myself.

—Roy K. Moulton.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

An honest farmer horned into our sanctum sanctorium last Saturday with fresh eggs to sell, says an exchange. He was not only an honest farmer, but he was unsophisticated as well. He was offering his eggs for 36 cents a dozen.

"Ha, ha!" laughed the bunch in our office. "This hick doesn't know that eggs are bringing 40 cents on the market. Here's where we teach him how to take a joke."

Our telegraph operator bought two dozen eggs.

Our city editor bought two dozen eggs.

Our advertising manager bought two dozen eggs.

Our cashier bought two dozen eggs.

The honest farmer left and the bunch had another laugh at his expense. But when they got the eggs the telegraph operator discovered he had only twenty-one eggs. The advertising manager was three eggs shy, the city editor was one egg shy and the cashier was three eggs shy. A total of [illegible] which they made up by the difference of [illegible] 36 cents a dozen and [illegible] cents a dozen. Moral: It's [illegible] to fleece the honest farmer. It can't be done.

"Why [illegible] dumb? Cannot the [illegible] speak English?" inquired the judge impatiently.

"No," answered the counsel for the defense, "but I have an Irishman here from the same village who can translate his remarks."

"Well, let us proceed at once then. What is the prisoner saying?" he inquired of the interpreter.

"Nothing."

"Nonsense!" came the angry answer. "I heard him speak."

"Yes, but 'twas nothing to do with the case at all."

"Sir, I demanded to know what he said," thundered the judge.

"Well, pardon, but he wanted to know who was the ould woman sitting so high and mighty.

"Indeed!" came the cutting reply. "And what did you answer?"

"Sure, I said, 'Whist, ye spalpeen! That's the ould boy that's going to hang yez!'"

Do you have something you don't want? Get rid of it by using the Classified Column of The Mail. 176-tf

COUNTY OFFICES PAY THE STATE $75,174.02

Auditor's Report is Completed And Filed—Prothonotary, Register, Recorder and Treasurer All Had Good Year's Business.

John I. Carson, auditor of public accounts, that is, those accounts of the prothonotary, recorder, register and treasurer that have to be sent to the state, has filed his report.

The report of the prothonotary's office shows that during the year there were filed 1,757 judgments, 27 amicable actions, six writs of certiorari, 255 original writs, four scire faciases upon mechanics liens, 1,144 scire faciases upon tax liens, 74 transscripts and 135 appeals. For these the state gets 50 cents each except for transcripts and appeals. The total paid the state, less the prothonotary's commission was $1,599.29.

In the register's office the total collateral inheritance tax collected was $29,332.34. Deducting from this one sum paid appraisers, $165.94, the commission of five per cent, $1,466.62 and other expenses in connection with the collection of the same leaves a balance paid the state of $26,933.58. There were 177 letters testamentary issued during the year and 194 letters of administration on which there was paid a total tax of $185.50. Deducting from this the register's commission leaves $179.93 paid the state.

In the recorder's office there were filed, during the year, 2,285 deeds, mortgages and other instruments, on which the state receives 50 cents, making a total sum paid the state ,$2,632.50. There were 10 commissions recorded, for which the state gets $90. he total sum paid the state by the recorder, less the recorder's commission, was $2,640.82.

The total sum paid the state by the treasurer was $43,820.40. This is made up as follows: Retail merchant licenses, $16,179.27; wholesale mercantile licenses, $822.10; retail liquor licenses, $702.27; brewers, $5,920; distillers, $2,283.25; billiards, $4,393.98; brokers, $855; auctioneers, $19; peddlers, 722; circuses, 990; eating houses, $348.26; resident hunters, $4,553.68; non-resident hunters, $19; pamphlet laws, $7.13 and tax on loans, $5,004.68.

This makes a total of $75,174.02 paid the state last year by these county offices.

Deed Recorded.

December 21, 1915—Charles C. Umtei, et ux., Cleveland, Ohio, to J. B. Tussing, Charleroi, a lot fronting 22 feet on Washington avenue, Charleroi, and extending back 100 feet; consideration $1.

Furnished rooms are always in demand. Advertise that extra one you have in the Classified column of The Mail. 176-tf

CHICHESTER S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
[illegible]

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Her Crowning Glory.

[illegible]
Rats and mice by scores,
Pretty clothes and [illegible] whirls,
Brains and [illegible]

Ma-a-a-a-a-a!

"That fellow always gets my goat," growled the grouch.

"What is the matter with him?" asked the old fogy.

"He is always butting in, horning around and trying to kid people," replied the grouch.

Correct.

The cause of many worldly ills
Right here I would confess,
For most of us climb all our hills
Before we get to them.

Huh!

"May I kiss your hand?" asked the bashful young man as he was leaving her home.

"You can if you want to," replied the young lady. "But I don't understand how you got the impression that I had raw onions for supper."

Ho, Hum!

My change I sort;
I have a sish;
The days are short,
And so am I.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, is anything ever born full grown?

Paw—Yes, my son. A sneeze is.

Saws Reset.

"There's one thing that's certain,"
Says old Mr. Peck,
"A boil on the stove is
Worth two on the neck."
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Another thing's certain,
It's known far and wide,
That a stitch in time is
Worth two in the side.
—Sharon (Pa.) Herald.

Charity.

The Cincinnati Enquirer sizes up the world's charity when it says, "Some men give according to their means and some according to their meanness."—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Correct.

Perhaps this tale is old and stale,
And it may not be funny,
But any gal will call you pal
As long as you have money.
—C. W. Hall.

Gosh, That's So, Isn't It?

I may be an iconoclast, but why all the rejoicing on the wedding day? All that there is to it is the fact that a fool girl has copped out a homely mutt who chews tobacco or smokes cigarettes and is going to work for him for her board and clothes.—Cincinnati Enquirer. Even so, don't you suppose you are entitled to furnish some amusement for your fellow mortals?—New York Evening Telegram.

Beat It.

She'd won the drummer in the band,
And he could not secrete it.
But when she spurned his heart and hand
He took his drum and beat it.

They Are All In.

Dear Luke—The following delegation, representing Marion, O., asks membership in the club: Henry B. True, Viola B. Wright, William Wynnd, Will Raub and Noah Little.—G. E. Mc.

Names Is Names.

Waite Tillicum lives at Strongsville, O.

Things to Worry About.

Hansom cabs were named after Joseph Hansom.

Our Daily Special.

We all believe as we hope.

Luke McLuke Says:

Somehow or other the man who is industrious and who attends to his own business never does much indignating about John D. Rockefeller's wealth.

When you have to put on a "snub," never select a man who can do your work better than you can.

If father ever got up in the morning and didn't have to pull a handful of mother's hair out of the comb when he was dressing, he would know that he was dreaming and was still sound asleep.

You can't scare a man by telling him that there are snakes in whisky. He knows that there are no microbes in booze, and he isn't afraid of anything that he can see.

A man's idea of a deep problem is to have a pair and four hearts and be undecided as to whether to hold the pair or bust it and draw to a flush.

Any time Gladys and Myrtle and Mayme get together and try on one another's shoes, each makes the discovery that the shoes worn by the other two are much too large for her.

There wouldn't be much worrying done in this world if our troubles didn't bother us any more than they do our friends.

A girl has to work hard with a comb for two hours to give her hair a fluffy effect and make it look as if it hadn't been combed for a month.

The old fashioned fan who used to blame the umpire every time the home team lost a game now has a son who blames the manager for losing the game because the manager won't run the team the way the son tells him to.

A lazy man is never too lazy to deny it.

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$2.25 ALUMINUM GRIDDLE
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Get 50 cents worth of Karo from your grocer, and send the labels to us together with 35 cents and we'll send you this $2.25 Solid Aluminum Griddle by prepaid parcel post.

HERE is a clean cash saving of $1.40—and thousands of housewifes have already taken advantage of this remarkable chance to get an aluminum griddle for less than the wholesale price.

This Aluminum Griddle needs *no greasing*. It doesn't chip or rust. It heats *uniformly* over entire baking surface—doesn't burn the cakes in one spot and leave them underdone in another. It doesn't smoke up the kitchen—and the cakes are more *digestible* than when fried in grease.

At great expense we are seeking to place a Karo Aluminum Griddle in the homes of all Karo users, so that Karo—the famous spread for griddle cakes and waffles—may be served on the most deliciously baked cakes that can be made.

You know Karo, of course. Nearly everybody does—65,000,000 cans sold last year alone. And you doubtless know the wonderful cleanliness and durability of Aluminum ware.

If you are a Karo user already then you know all about this wonderful syrup—you know how fine it is as a spread for bread; how delicious it is with griddle cakes, waffles, hot biscuits and corn bread.

Get 50 cents worth of Karo from your grocer at once, and send the labels and 35 cents (P. O. money order or stamps) to us and get one of these Aluminum Griddles by prepaid parcel post.

Remember that our supply is going fast—so get your Karo today. We will also send you *free* one of the famous Corn Products Cook Books.

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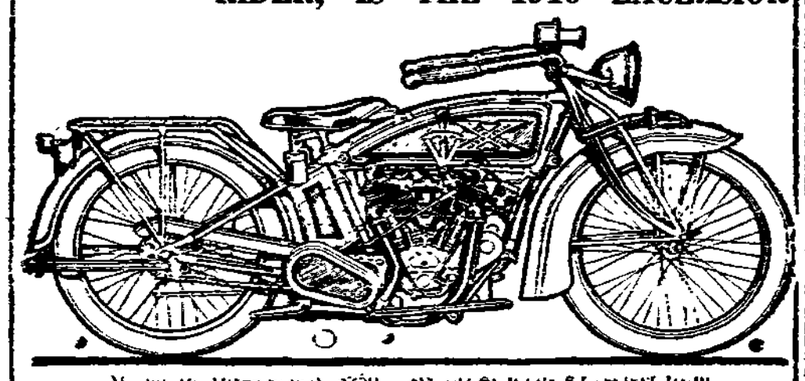

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Excelsior orders are coming fast, get your order in now and assure spring delivery. A number of second hand machines on the floor including Indians, Harleys, Merkels, Thors and Excelsiors, these machines taken in trade on new Excelsior and are carefully overhauled before leaving the shop. Prices run from $100 up. Parts in stock for Harleys, Indians and Excelsiors.

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Assessors' Report.

Following is a list of those owning dogs in Charleroi:

Joseph Thompson, 1 male	3884	$1.50
Peter Calistri, 1 female	4202	$3.00
Jess Dunmire, 1 male	4207	$1.50
Dr. D. E. Kimmell, 1 male	3892	$1.50
Rachel Shepler, 1 male	3903	$1.50
John Bradshaw, 1 male	3891	$1.50
Gastano Pieri, 1 male	3879	$1.50
Alberta Florin, 1 male	3900	$1.50
Amour Michaux, 1 male	3902	$1.50
Dr. Stahlman, 1 male	3881	$1.50
James Mitchell, 1 male	3889	$1.50
George Risbeck, 1 male	4210	$1.50
Springer Sibaugh, 1 male	3887	$1.50
Sigmund Anthony, 1 male	4218	$1.50
Robert Elliott, 1 male	3883	$1.50
Harry Jacobs, 1 male	4215	$1.50
H. H. Hiller, 1 male	3778	$1.50
H. H. Hiller, 1 male	3767	$1.50
Andrew Kiefer, 1 male	4209	$1.50
Chas. Culbertson, 1 male	3876	$1.50
R. J. Lysle, 1 male	4203	$1.50
E. A. Hazlett, 1 male	4203	$1.50
William Gelder, 1 male	3886	$1.50
Charles Cutler, 1 male	3882	$1.50
John Edward, 1 male	3901	$1.50
E. B. Amos, 1 male	4212	$1.50
Dr. T. M. Faddis, 1 female	3893	$3.00
Thomas Conway, 1 male	3905	$1.50
A. Velletay, 1 male	4205	$1.50
N. H. Wagner, 1 female	3888	$3.00
N. H. Wagner, 1 male	4216	$1.50
Paul Simpson, 1 male	4211	$1.50
George Arnold, 1 female	4201	$3.00
W. A. Murphy, 1 male	3894	$1.50
Mr. Moroas, 1 male	4206	$1.50
Eugene Yosel, 1 male	4217	$1.50
Catherine Sample, 1 male	3880	$1.50
Dr. D. E. Sloan, 1 male	3794	$1.50
Charles Schmeiler, 1 male	3784	$1.50
John Moravic, 1 male	3799	$1.50
George Parks, 1 male	3783	$1.50
Wiley McCarty, 1 male	3782	$1.50
Jess Smith, 1 male	3792	$1.50
John F. Riley, 1 male	3784	$1.50
Elder Morgan, 1 male	3780	$1.50
I. H. Kindall, 1 male	3796	$1.50
William Lambert, 1 male	3788	$1.50
Cary Piper, 1 male	3790	$1.50
William Wild, 1 male	3768	$1.50
Howard Hiller, 1 male	3901	$1.50
Howard Hiller, 1 male	3898	$1.50
William Calvert, 1 male	3789	$1.50
A. L. Bowers, 1 male	3775	$1.50
Emile Govoneur, 1 male	3878	$1.50
C. E. Lancaster, 1 female	4219	$3.00

J. L. Reeves, Assessor.
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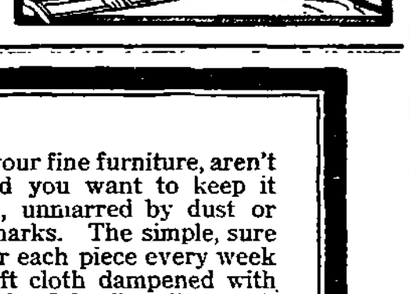

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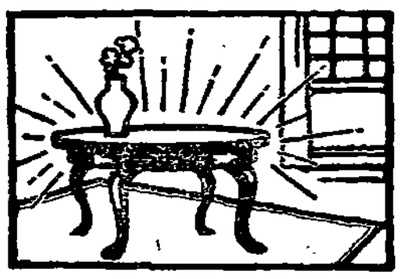

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isn't any hardship when a *Perfection Smokeless Heater* is in the room. Keep it beside the bed. Light it a few minutes before rising and the room will be comfortably warm. For best results use *Atlantic Rayolight Oil*. Ask your dealer about Perfection Smokeless Heaters.

PROUD of your fine furniture, aren't you? And you want to keep it shiny new, unmarred by dust or spots or finger marks. The simple, sure way is to go over each piece every week or so with a soft cloth dampened with **Atlantic Rayolight Oil.** That'll keep it just as good as new.

You'll bless the day you commenced using **Atlantic Rayolight Oil.** You'll find it of the greatest help in keeping things spick and span.

Many a housewife has told us how she made wash day lots easier and the clothes much whiter by using a quarter of a cup of **Atlantic Rayolight Oil** with the water in the wash boiler. Others have written us that for cutting grease nothing equals **Atlantic Rayolight Oil,** that it is excellent for cleaning hair brushes and combs, and that when sprinkled along cracks and crevices, ants and bugs disappear.

Atlantic Rayolight Oil has lightened the work in hundreds of homes. But be sure you get **Atlantic Rayolight Oil,** for ordinary, unnamed kerosene is liable to disappoint you.

Just as **Atlantic Rayolight Oil** is best for household purposes, it excels for lighting and heating. Carefully refined until every impurity has been removed, it burns without smoking-up chimneys, without charring wicks, without a jot of smell. But it burns slowly, shedding a soft, white, flickerless light. When used in heater and stove, it radiates an intense and economical heat.

Buy it from the dealer who displays this sign

ATLANTIC Rayolight OIL

and ask for it by name

What's also important is that it costs no more than ordinary impure, unreliable kerosene.

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STILL LOOK TO AEROPLANE

Military Experts Have by No Means Abandoned Faith in This Weapon of Warfare.

It is an acknowledged fact that a moving aeroplane is an abnormally difficult target, no matter from what distance it is aimed at, because the airman can easily adopt rapid and erratic flight and repeatedly alter the direction of his progress. In a recently published book, "Aircraft in the Great War," by Claude Grahame-White and Harry Harper, the authors discuss the possibilities of duels in the air.

"If against flying craft the land guns are largely impotent—and in this war they have been—there is still the attack from the air; and here, as we have indicated, there is scope for daring work. But there is one adverse factor.

"Even a motor of 200 horse power—and this is almost the limit today—gives none too much power for a large and heavy craft; and for this reason, if a machine has a gun and ammunition and carries in addition the weight of a pilot and a combatant, its space may be so reduced that, when it seeks combat with some high-speed hostile scout, it will fly so slowly that the enemy—having no such burden to check his pace—can fly out of range and so escape.

"Had there been enough machines, air fighters would have played a leading role. But, as it is, the air scout has been hampered merely in his work, and this to no great extent, instead of being driven from the air."

GET BEST MILK IN WINTER

Recent Investigations Serve to Show That Former Popular Impressions Have Been Wrong.

It has always been believed that milk, butter and other dairy products are at their best in the spring and summer, when the cows have the best pastures. But recent investigations conducted by the Massachusetts state board of health fail to bear out this widespread popular belief. They indicate, on the contrary, that under current conditions the milk obtained in summer is, if anything, somewhat inferior in quality to that obtained in the winter when the cows are shut up in stables.

At a temperature of 50 degrees the bacteria in milk will increase in fifty hours from three to thirty times the initial number, while at 70 degrees they will multiply 40,000 times. This is why milk should be kept cold.

Milk will not sour for several days if packed in ice.

The Cheerfulness Cure.

Health Officer Dixon of Pennsylvania says it is very difficult for the most skilled diagnostician to trace the exact connection between mental depression and physical illness, but he insists the connection is there all the same. His idea is that cheerfulness is largely a habit, which is so closely related to health that they go together. Any person who gets sick should try first to cure himself with cheerfulness. It is done many a time. Health is harmony, joy, kindness, hopefulness, helpfulness. The Bible tells us "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

If people would only take the merry heart kind of medicine, it would save them hundreds of dollars. There is hardly a malady but what it will cure or at least, make better. There is no reason why there should not be a school of medicine in which cheerfulness is the daily prescription. Besides any drug medicine one takes has to be mixed with cheerfulness or it will utterly fail. A whole drug store wouldn't do any good to a man who has a grouch on.—Columbus Journal.

English Lawns as War Maps.

It is often difficult to comprehend from a small map the significance of different movements and the strategic value of certain positions in the present European war, because of the vast territory involved. Seeking to get around this difficulty, several English lawns have been experimentally converted into large scale, open air maps. On these huge plats one can actually stroll up and down the "firing line," observe how close one's position is to that of the enemy, and, in general gain a comprehensive idea of progress in warring operations. Small national flags mark the positions each country's armies occupy and the towns are indicated by small posts, also appropriately flagged. Colored tape, staked down at intervals, shows the location of rivers, and small stones set in the sod spell out names of the various districts.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Tuneless Solo.

Signor Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraphy, who returned recently to Italy from America at the request of the Italian government, is likely to prove of great use to his country in the present crisis.

An amusing story is told about a reply that the celebrated inventor once made to a lady who mistook him for his equally famous compatriot, Mascagni, the composer.

"Oh," she said, gushingly, "I'd love to hear you play your beautiful 'Intermezzo!'"

"Madam," replied Marconi gravely "I'll do it with pleasure if you've got a wireless piano."

Deliver Us!

George W. Perkins, in a Y. M. C. A. address on temperance in Chicago, began:

"A corking time is a good time for any young man, but may heaven deliver us all from the kind of corking time that means an uncorking one."

INTEREST GROWS IN NIGHTLY SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Interest is growing in the meetings being held nights at the Baptist church. A good-sized congregation heard Rev. H. C. Gleiss Wednesday evening, he preaching an especially interesting sermon. Rev. Arthur Gee of Brownsville will fill the pulpit tonight. Rev. W. S. Carson of Monessen will preach tomorrow evening.

Tonight after the meeting the Baraca class will hold a business meeting. A business meeting of the congregation will be held on Friday evening at the close of the service.

TIPS NOT WAGES IN OPINION OF THE COMPENSATION BOARD

Tips are not to be counted as wages of an employe in computing amounts to be paid in workmen's compensation and where a dress suit is supplied to a waiter by a caterer, the value of the use of that suit is not to be deducted unless it is expressly provided that a stipulated sum will be deducted from their wages for the use of the clothing.

These are among the suggestions drafted today by representatives of the compensation board and insurance people to be submitted to the state board for rulings. The conference covered numerous occupations.

Wages paid for overtime in seasonal occupations will be included in the wage determination, but tools will not be counted unless an agreement is made; in coal mining where a tonnage rate is in force the employer may not deduct for explosives unless so provided.

In seasonal trades the employe must show total of wages earned in all trade for the preceding year to secure compensation.

Daily wage is defined as average daily earnings during six months preceding an accident, weekly wages as five and a half times average daily earnings; compensation for a fractional part of a week is determined per day by one-sixth of the weekly compensation.

GASOLINE PRICES TO TOUCH THE TOP NOTCH

"Gasoline prices will continue to advance; it wouldn't be surprising if first grade gasoline was quoted at 40 cents per gallon within a short time" in the opinion Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil man and baseball magnate.

"There is really a scarcity of oil at this time," added Sinclair, "and unless new fields are opened within a year or so there may be an oil famine. The output of all the old fields is decreasing gradually while the demand for gasoline is increasing every day.

"The Oaklahoma oil fields, which are the largest in the world, show an average daily decrease of 250,000 in comparison with the output of a year ago. A barrel of oil averages 42 gallons of oil or 21 gallons of gasoline. This means that the average yearly decrease in gasoline production in Oaklahoma alone is 1,916,250,000 gallons.

"Other fields have been affected the same way as Oaklahoma and I dare say that the average decrease in the gasoline output from all the fields in the United States is close to 3,000,000,000 gallons yearly."

"Has the cost of production increased?" Sinclair was asked.

"Not appreciably" was the answer.

"Why then should the price be advanced?"

Sinclair laughed and said:

"Oh, well, if you've got something to sell that everybody wants, you get the highest price you want for it, don't you?? That's the way in the oil business."

Iron Ore Shipments High.

The total shipments of iron ore from the mines in the United States in 1915 are estimated by Ernest F. Burchard of the United States Geological Survey, to have approximated 55,000,000 gross tons, compared with 39,714,280 tons in 1914, an increase of more than 38 per cent.

When you want something don't wait for it to turn up but bring it around with a Classified advertisement The Mail. 176-tf

Mahieu Specials

We are glad to announce that we have secured the agency for the celebrated **"Made Rite"** Flour, and have unloaded our first car we now offer with the positive guarantee to please or your money back.

"Made Rite" flour, 24½ lbs sack 85c
"Made Rite" flour, 49 lb sack $1.65
Another good flour, for a little less money is our **"Big Seven."**
24½ lb sack 80c
49 lb sack $1.60
Penn family soap, a large cake of good laundry soap. Special for this week, . . 7 cakes for 25c
25c pkg Argo laundry starch 21c
Ross biscuits, per package 8c
Fancy creamery butter, 1 lb package 39c
In 3 lb lot, 2c p r lb LESS
Tangerines, 2 doz for 25c
Stringless cut green beans, 3 cans 25c
Fancy white potatoes, per bushel $1.20

Our business is based on THE PROFIT SHARING PLAN. Part of the net profit is repaid in shape of dividends. Our purchase tickets have a value of 5 per cent redeemable on demand. A share of the profit derived from the store belongs to you. See that you get your dividend check with each purchase.

AUG. MAHIEU 317 Fifth St. Charleroi, Pa.

Have you Made your Will?

No matter what a man's means may be he is concerned about the provision for his family in event of his death—about his will.

Benj Franklin says "A fat kitchen makes a lean will," and the man who curtails the extravagant luxuries in his home and has a systematic method of saving a part of his income, will be the one to have a "fat will." A savings account with this bank will afford the most feasible plan for saving your earnings. Try it.

Bank of Charleroi

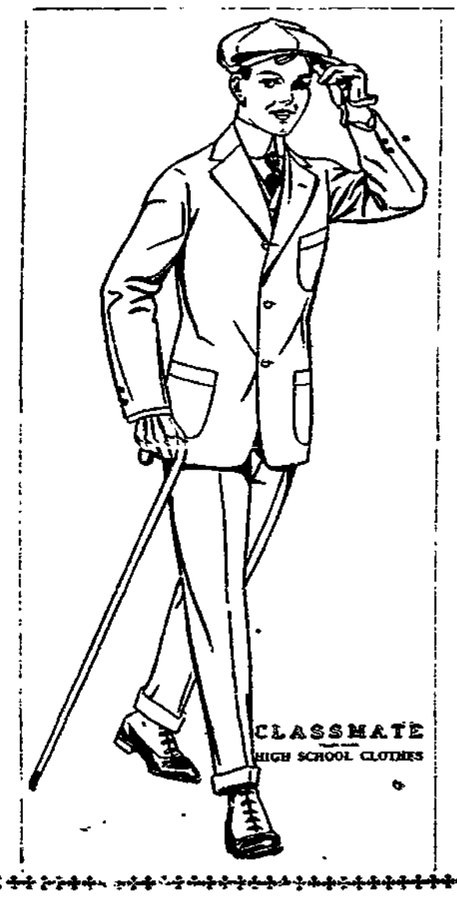
Resources over $1,800,000.00

AN IMPORTANT EVENT

Our SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats

This Sale includes our entire stock of Men's and Boys' Winter Suits and Overcoats and the largest selection of fancy suits we have ever offered at such a sacrifice. This is our **CLEAN UP SALE.** You had better Hurry! Rush to this sale. This is the time you have been waiting for---this is every man's and boy's opportunity for we have without reservation or restriction of any kind put on sale every Man's and Boys' Suit in the store at prices so small that cannot but appeal to the most careful buyer.



MEN'S SUITS & OVERCOATS

$10.00	Suits and Overcoats now . .	$ 6.75
12.00	" " " " . .	8.75
13.50	" " " " . .	9.75
15.00	" " " " . .	10 75
18.00	" " " " . .	12.75
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BOYS' SUITS & OVERCOATS

$3.00	Suits and Overcoats, now . .	$2.25
4.00	" " " " . .	3.00
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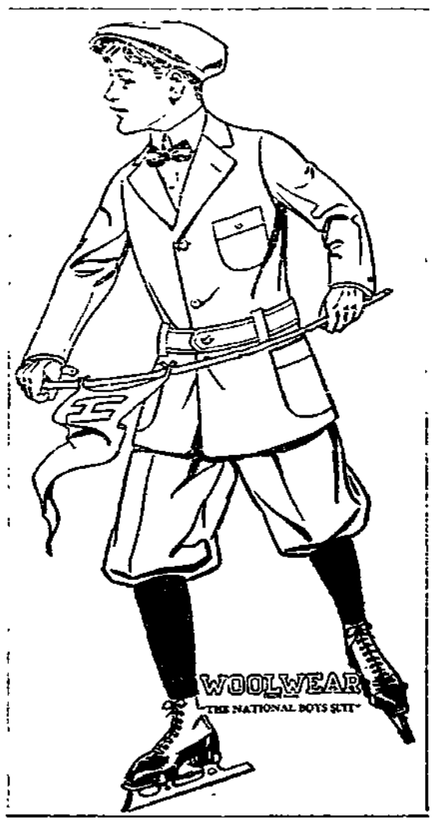
Some Special odd lots of Suits and Overcoats—only one and two of a kind in each lot at from 1-3 to 1-2 off regular price



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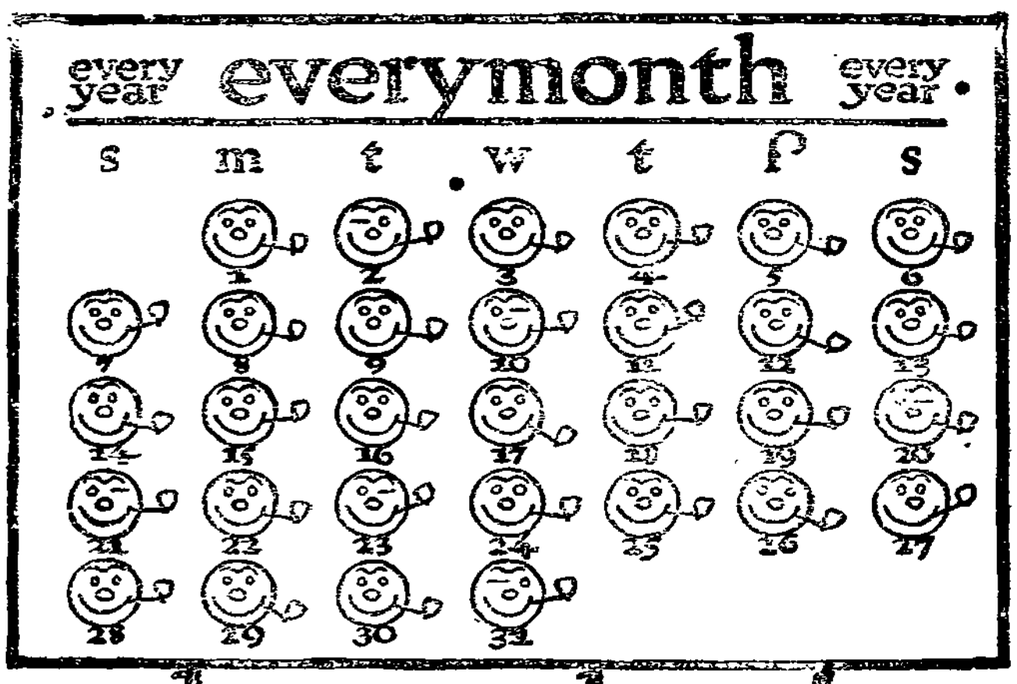

happy days!

"Tux" is the happy smoke. It just packs the smoker's calendar so plumb full of fragrant delight that a gloomy day can't crowd itself in edgewise. That mild, soothing taste of "Tux" has introduced many a man to the joy of pipe-smoking and a regular unending procession of happy days.

MARCUS L. WRIGHT
Formerly
Ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue

"Owing to its mild, cool flavor, Tuxedo is a real comfort to me. I enjoy smoking it immensely and have used it for many years."

Marcus L. Wright

Tuxedo

The Perfect Tobacco for Pipe and Cigarette

By far the most pleasant pipe-smoke in the world is Tuxedo. Think of the supreme satisfaction of being able to smoke your pipe all day, and day after day, without a particle of discomfort! You can do it with Tuxedo—because Tuxedo is made wonderfully mild and absolutely biteless by the *original* "Tuxedo Process."

That process is what makes Tuxedo different from any other tobacco made. Others have tried to imitate it, but never successfully.

Just try Tuxedo for a week and you'll smoke it ever after.

YOU CAN BUY TUXEDO EVERYWHERE

Convenient, glassine wrapped, moisture-proof pouch **5c**

Famous green tin with gold lettering, curved to fit pocket . . **10c**

In Tin Humidors, 40c and 80c *In Glass Humidors, 50c and 90c*

THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY

COURT HOUSE GROUP TO ENJOY PITTSBURG SHOW

In order to inject a little more of the friendly spirit and the feeling of good fellowship into the counties family it has been suggested by Controller T. J. Underwood and other county officials that the court house officers form a little social organization for the express purpose of promoting this feeling of friendship, which has been on the wane of late, a series of banquets and little social gatherings has been arranged by the county officials for the winter months.

The first will be held in Pittsburg this evening when the county family will take dinner at the Fort Pitt hotel, after which they will go in a body to the Alvin theatre where they will take in "The Passing Show of 1915."

How about that heating stove, or that extra piece of furniture, that is not in use. Many a person is waiting to buy them. You can find a purchaser by using the Classified Column of The Mail. 176-tf

HOME COMING OBSERVED BY CHARLEROI LODGE

Roll Call is Feature—Entertainment Follows Meeting—Quartet Renders Several Selections.

Charleroi lodge No. 494, B. P. O. Elks observed a "Home Coming" Wednesday evening at Elks home. The night was the time of the regular meeting and the roll was called for every member each being expected to be present to respond. About 120 were on hand and regrets were heard from out of town members. After the meeting pleasing entertainment was furnished. J. W. Mathias being in charge. A quartet consisting of Walter Urben, McClelland Phillips, Frank Miller and Mark Wheeler sang several selections. A buffet lunch was served.

The Classified Column is a medium between the one who wishes to sell and the one who is ready to buy. Get together by using the Classified Column of The Mail. 176-tf

TELL OF STRANGE MEETINGS

Doctors and Nurses Relate Remarkable Happenings Occurring in the Military Hospitals.

The long arm of coincidence was never more strikingly illustrated than by the remarkable cases of hospital reunions related by the commanding officer of the Welsh General Military hospital. Recently a nurse entered one of the wards, calling the name of a certain soldier who was due to take his medicine. In response to the call a man sat up in one of the beds, but further inquiry showed that although the surname was the same, the Christian name was different from that of the man she was seeking, says London Tit-Bits.

At that moment the right man, who was well enough to hobble about, arrived upon the scene, and then, to the amazement of the nurse and the other occupants of the ward, the patients recognized each other as brothers who had not met for many years. What is more extraordinary still, the two brothers had been in the same ward for several days without either being aware of the other's presence.

Even more extraordinary is the case of two men in another ward, who, when the roll was called, suddenly recognized one another as chums who some years ago joined the colors the same day. They had been close chums in the ranks, but subsequently drifted apart through the drafting of one of them on foreign service, to find themselves reunited in adjoining beds in the Welsh Military hospital.

On comparing notes a further string of coincidences was discovered. The two men, unaware of each other's presence at the front, had been wounded the same day, taker to the same base hospital, brought home in the same ship, carried to the same train and finally placed next to one another in the same ward of a home hospital.

Another curious case is that of a man who after being wounded at the front was admitted to one of the wards of the hospital. On his discharge he went back to France, and, wounded a second time, found his way back once more to the same ward.

The Bible in Russia.

The holy synod at Petrograd has been busily engaged in the work of producing popular editions of the Bible. These are being widely distributed by the Orthodox church among soldiers on the battle field as well as to the sick and wounded. Various Russian Red Cross aid associations are including Bibles and Testaments in their parcels of "comforts" for troops at the front, and as the available stock of the British and Foreign Bible society has became exhausted, the holy synod is undertaking the work of printing fresh editions. Should this wave of enthusiasm for the propagation of the Holy Scriptures prove more than a passing phase we may look forward to a revival of intelligent religious instruction in Russia.

MINE EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE AT CLAYSVILLE

Two Men Are Seriously Injured When Gas Pocket is Struck in New Coon Island Workings—Exact Cause is Not Fully Determined.

Two men were seriously burned and three others injured in an explosion at the new mine of the Washington & Connellsville Coal and Coke company at Coon Island, near Claysville, about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The Seriously Injured

BENJAMIN SCOTT, aged 40, miner, widower of Coon Island, burned about head, face and arms and blinded, in Washington hospital.

JOHN KING, aged 33, miner, single of Coon Island, hurts almost identical to those received by Scott and also blinded, in Washington hospital.

The men not badly injured are John Vones, mine foreman, Fred Johnson and Fred Hausler. They were dazed and shocked by the unexpected explosion but rallied quickly and wounds they received are only minor ones.

Owen Murphy of Latrobe, Pa., who is owner and operator of the mine under the firm name of the Washington & Connellsville Coal and Coke company and who is superintending the operations at Coon Island, made a statement regarding the accident. He said:

"The cause of the explosion has not been fully determined. Only a small pocket of gas was encountered and the material damage done was small. Work will not be interfered with in any way."

The five men had been down in the mine but a short time. The shaft has not yet been completed and the main entry has been driven only a few feet. Foreman Vones and the four miners had descended into the workings to blast coal, which was to be taken out during Wednesday night and used in the boilers. When the coal fell it is supposed that a small pocket of gas was opened.

MRS C. S. HOWELL DIES AT HOME IN PITTSBURG

Mrs. Ursula Norman Howell, wife of Charles Sumner Howell, died Tuesday at the family residence in the King Edward Apartments, Bayard and Neville streets, Bellefield of pneumonia. Mrs. Howell was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. John Palmer Norman, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Monongahela and Emma E. Apple Norman. She was born in Clarion county and was educated in the Pittsburg public schools, the Bishop Bowman Institute and St. Margaret's Episcopal Seminary, Buffalo, N. Y., of which she was a graduate. She was married in 1892 to Mr. Howell and had lived since that time in Pittsburg. For nearly two years past she had been a member of the Pittsburg Dispatch staff as society editress., Mrs. Howell was well known in Charleroi.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. H.Hill of Fallowfield avenue spent Wednesday in Pittsburg.

D. T. Hosack of Scenery Hill was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. VanVoorhis of Sixth street Wednesday.

Mrs. Herman Heupel of Lincoln avenue and daughter Mrs. Karl W. Schempp are visiting at Pittsburg.

Mrs. A. O. Davis of Fallowfield avenue was a Pittsburg visitor Thursday.

Miss Lenore Bethune has returned to her home at Verona after visiting with her uncle D. N. Hall.

Charles Umbel of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting with relatives in Charleroi.

Mrs. C. R. Peregrin of Washington avenue was a caller in Pittsburg Thursday.

Miss Victorine Hantisse was a Pittsburg visitor Thursday.

A marriage license has been granted at the county seat to Miss Mary Magdalene McQuill and Albert P. Murray, both of Charleroi.

"THE NATURE MAN" TO BE FRIDAY FEATURE AT COYLE

The attraction at the Coyle theatre Friday will be "The Nature Man" or "A Struggle for Existance." The picture is a story of brute man pitted against brute animals on an equal footing. The story is one of the most thrilling ever produced and is heralded as a film of a thousand wonders. Next week special pictures at the Coyle will be "Destruction" with Theda Bara in the leading role on Monday and a Marguerite Clark picture on Tuesday.

MONESSEN JUVENILES IN ROLE OF LAW BREAKERS

"The Dirty Dozen," Monessen's band of juvenile law breakers, are organizing again with the return of several former members of the gang from Greensburg and reform schools. Last summer this crowd of boys ranging in age from 6 to 15 years terrorized the neighborhood with petty thefts and infractions of the law. The police by hard work finally got the crowd separated and the business men secured some relief during the winter months. Within the past week however, the gang has organized again and are back at their old tricks and the police are now out after several members of the crowd.

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